

of programme under Doordarshan's commissioned programmes scheme :-

- (i) Relevance of the story, theme or subject to the needs of Doordarshan;
- (ii) Treatment of the subject/storyline;
- (iii) Track records of the Director, Executive Producer, writer, crew etc.

In so far as sponsored programmes are concerned, Doordarshan endeavours to approve programmes which propagate high social values combined with wholesome entertainment.

(d) The present rules and procedures provide adequate safeguard in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.

[English]

#### Konkan Railway Project

\*40. SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA :  
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the present stage of the Konkan Railway Project;

(b) the time by which the Konkan Railway Project is likely to be completed and become operational;

(c) the reasons for delay in its completion; and

(d) the total cost thereof and the expenditure incurred on the project so far ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) Out of the 760 kms. 710 kms. have been completed.

(b) The entire length of the project is expected to be completed and commissioned by Dec.'97.

(c) The main reasons for delay in completion of the project are as under :-

- (i) Extreme shortage of funds being faced by the corporation due to difficulties encountered in

raising finances through tax-free bonds in the first three years and again from Feb., 1995 onwards till October, 1996.

(ii) Adverse geological conditions met in tunnels particularly in Goa and Karnataka sectors.

(iii) Stoppage of works in Goa sector for a period of 8 months between March and November, 1993.

(d) The total cost of the project has been assessed as Rs. 3174.00 crores, including financing cost and loss incurred on operations during the construction phase of Rs. 774.00 crores. The total expenditure on the project by 30.06.1997 has been as under :-

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|-------------------|---|--------------------|
| On Works          | : | Rs. 2385.16 crores |
| Financing Charges | : | Rs. 773.25 Crores  |
| Total             | : | Rs. 3158.41 Crores |

[Translation]

#### Survey for Generation of Hydro Electricity

215. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether any survey has been conducted in regard to generation of hydro electricity from Brahmaputra river;

(b) if so, the generation capacity of various places where hydro electricity could be generated; and

(c) whether other States have been consulted regarding generation of hydro electricity from Brahmaputra river; and

(d) if so, the progress made in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b) A Systematic and comprehensive survey of the Hydroelectric potential of the country has been carried out by Central Electricity Authority during the period 1978-87 which places the total Hydroelectric potential of the country at 84044 MW at 60% load factor. As per the above studies, the hydro potential of the Brahmaputra river basin has been assessed as 34920 MW